

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPARATUS, MEDIUM AND :  
INFORMATION ASSEMBLY :

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

1 10. (Newly Added) In a recording and reproduction apparatus receiving  
2 an access command from an external device, the access command being one of a  
3 raw access command and a non-raw access command, and the raw access  
4 command including one of read data and write data,

5 a method of controlling access to a data storage region in the recording and  
6 reproduction apparatus comprising the steps of:

7 (a) receiving an access command from the external device; (b) determining  
8 if the access command is a raw access command of read data;

9 (c) if step (b) determines that the access command is a raw access command  
10 of read data, permitting access to the external device which issued the raw access  
11 command;

12 (d) if step (b) determines that the access command is a raw access  
13 command of write data, performing the following steps:

14 (i) authenticating the external device which issued the  
15 raw access command; and

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